

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of processing first, second, and third
2 signals for use in a system having first, second, third
3 and fourth signal lines, comprising:
4 generating a fourth signal;
5 generating, using a pseudo-random number generator,
6 pseudo-random output values; and
7 changing, as a function of at least one of said
8 pseudo-random output values, which ones of the first,
9 second, third and fourth signal lines are used to
10 transmit the first, second, third, and fourth signals.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a fourth
2 signal includes:
3 processing at least one of the first, second or
4 third signals to generate the fourth signal from said at
5 least one of the first, second, or third signals.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a fourth
2 signal includes performing the act of:
3 switching between at least two of said first
4 and second signals to generate said fourth signal.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a fourth
2 signal includes:
3 performing a high pass filtering operation on
4 one of said first, second and third signals to produce a
5 filtered signal; and
6 combining the filtered signal with a modulated
7 pedestal signal to generate said fourth signal.

1 6. The method of claim 5,
2 wherein the first, second, and third signal lines
3 couple a source device to a destination device, said
4 pseudo-random number generator contained within the
5 source device, the method further comprising:

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the first, second and third signals are red, green and blue video signals, respectively, the method further comprising the steps of:
 encrypting horizontal synchronization information into at least one of said red, green and blue video signals prior to changing which ones of the first, second, third and fourth signal lines are used to transmit said first, second and third signals.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
2 transmitting a horizontal synchronization
3 signal over said fourth line prior to using the fourth

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein periodically
2 swapping the lines used to transmit the first, second,
3 third and fourth video signals includes the act of:
4 performing a matrix multiplication operation on
5 the first, second, third and fourth video signals to
6 determine the line on which each of the video signals are
7 transmitted.

1 14. A machine readable medium, comprising computer
2 instructions for controlling a computer system to perform
3 the steps recited in claim 1.

1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 generating the fourth video signal from at
3 least one of the red, green and blue video signals.

3 transmitting each of the red, green and blue
4 video signals and the fourth video signal on one of the
5 first, second, third and fourth lines; and

1 18. The method of claim 15, wherein combining the
2 horizontal synchronization information with at least one
3 the vertical synchronization signal, red video signal,
4 green video signal, and vertical synchronization signal
5 includes:

1 19. The method of claim 15, wherein bi-phase modulation
2 is used to modulate the horizontal synchronization
3 information on the red, green and blue video signals.

5 combining the horizontal synchronization
6 information with the vertical synchronization signal to
7 form a composite synchronization signal including
8 horizontal and vertical synchronization information.

1 22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
2 performing a demodulation operation on at least
3 one of the first, second, third and fourth video signals
4 to recover horizontal timing information.

1 24. The method of claim 22, further comprising:
2 exchanging a session key with a display
3 adapter; and
4 using the session key to control the pseudo
5 random number generator.

1 25. The method of claim 21, wherein performing a
2 decryption operation includes:
3 performing a matrix multiplication operation,
4 on the received first, second, third, and fourth video

1 26. A method of operating a display device, the display
2 device including first through fifth inputs, the method
3 comprising:

7 receiving a horizontal synchronization signal
8 on a fourth input;

11 during a second period of time,

14 receiving a fourth encrypted video signal on a
15 first one of the fourth and fifth lines; and

1 27. The method of claim 26, further comprising, during
2 the second time period of operation:

1 28. The method of claim 27, further comprising, during
2 the second time period of operation:

3 performing a decryption operation on the first,
4 second, third and fourth encrypted video signals to
5 generate red, green and blue video signals; and
6 generating an image on a display from said
7 generated red, green and blue video signals.

1 29. A video adapter comprising:

2 a pseudo random number generator;
3 a video signal generator for generating a
4 fourth video signal;
5 means for performing, as a function of a value
6 generated by said pseudo random number generator, a video
7 signal encryption operation on first, second, and third
8 video signals and said fourth video signal to produce
9 first, second, third, and fourth encrypted video signals.

1 30. The video adapter of claim 29, wherein the video
2 signal generator includes means for generating said
3 fourth video signal from at least one of said first,
4 second and third video signals.

1 31. The video adapter of claim 30, wherein the means for
2 performing a video signal encryption operation includes a
3 matrix multiplier.

1 32. The video adapter of claim 29, further comprising:
2 means for modulating horizontal synchronization
3 information on one of the first, second, third, and
4 fourth video signals.

1 33. The video adapter of claim 29,

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5 means for supplying a horizontal signal
6 received during an unencrypted mode of operation to the
7 display.
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